

10 February 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations
FROM: Chief, Contact Division
SUBJECT: Monthly Operational Report for Contact
Division for January 1953

Administration

1. Contact Division Personnel Report for January 1953 is enclosed.

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4. A representative of the Organization and Methods Service, Office of Comptroller, commenced an investigation of the organizational structure of Contact Division headquarters. Discussions are continuing with the Chief, Deputy Chief, and other representatives of the division on the proposed reorganization officially submitted in early January 1953.

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5. As a result of negotiations between Scientific Branch and ATIC personnel, the Air Force has approved assignment of three technically trained officers to [REDACTED] to work as Contact Specialists. Since the candidates are still overseas, it may be several months before they will be available for assignment.

6. A revision of the Contact Division Manual was initiated in order to eliminate sections non-essential to an operating manual, bring the material up-to-date, and improve its usability by rewriting certain sections and indexing the material more completely.

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7. Action was undertaken to acquire additional property adjoining the [REDACTED]

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8. The Chief and an assistant, Communications Branch, Physics and Electronics Division, OSI, visited [REDACTED] to discuss problems with the [REDACTED] chief in connection with the exploitation of sources of telecommunication information. Chief, Contact Division, was present during the discussions. As a result, Chief, Scientific Branch, commenced efforts to secure requirements of a more specific nature from both OSI and ORR.

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9. Chief, Scientific Branch, and an assistant paid a two-day visit to ATIC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, to discuss further extension of present collection operations. ATIC has requested OO/C to suggest the names of highly qualified scientists to be employed for a 60-90 day period to make foreign visits. This division plans to work closely with ATIC in the selection and exploitation of these men. Industrial research scientists are being considered as well as university professors.

10. Results indicate that the joint CIA/ATIC foreign travel notification program has not been implemented properly in all areas. As valuable results have been obtained by those field offices which have availed themselves of the intelligence potential of this program, possible remedial steps are being studied.

11. During the month Intelligence and Source Analysis Staff under the Deputy for Collection commenced a series of audits of certain groups of OO-B reports furnished by various field offices to determine whether the information was not available to the consuming analysts through other channels. As a result the I&SA Staff recommended the discontinuance of collection of information for three series of reports dealing with Malayan tin, European iron and steel products, and shipping manifests of ships visiting the Soviet bloc.

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12. The Deputy for Collection and representatives of his office held meetings with OIC and ORR representatives regarding an ORR-sponsored research project in the field of aircraft manufacture to be handled by [REDACTED] on a direct CIA contract with no cut out involved. This project aims at obtaining pertinent data on the US aircraft industry to be used as a yardstick on USSR capabilities in aircraft manufacturing. Contact Division field offices will assist in the establishment of relations between [REDACTED] and aircraft manufacturing companies. The project was in pending status at the end of the month, waiting for I&S clearances.

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